

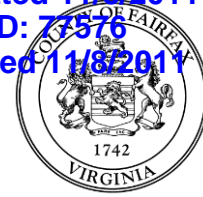


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Ruth Goldway, Chairman
Secretary to the Commissioner
Postal Regulatory Commission
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Dear Ms Goldway:

I am the Dranesville District Supervisor to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Pimmit Library located at 7520 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church, Virginia is in my district.

A number of my constituents have voiced concern that the Postal Service intends to close the Pimmit Branch on November 10, 2011. The branch is located in a very convenient place and is used by many neighbors, including those without cars, and businesses.

One of my constituents, Ms Elaine Mittleman, has submitted both an appeal of closure of the Pimmit Branch and an application for suspension pending review of the closure appeal. If the branch were closed on November 10th, and Ms Mittleman's appeal to the Commission is successful, then the remedy would be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.

It appears that the Postal Service may not have followed its guidelines in announcing the closing of the Pimmit Branch. The closing notice was dated September 14, which therefore, did not provide the 60-day notice requirement proscribed by the Commission's regulations.

The September 14 notice took many customers by complete surprise as they had received no prior notice that the branch was being considered for closing. A survey undertaken in January, 2010 apparently went only to postal box customers. The Postal Service provides a public service for all customers, and therefore, I would expect a fair and open process before the decision is made to close a branch.

I request that the Commission keep the branch open pending the outcome of the appeal to the Commission. Moreover, while I appreciate the challenging fiscal condition the Postal Service faces, I would also urge that the Commission reconsider its decision to close the Pimmit Branch.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Foust
Dranesville District Supervisor
cc: Elaine Mittleman